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**REQUEST FOR RECORDATION OF
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Sir:

Applicant attaches hereto an International Preliminary Examination Report which has been issued in connection with the above-identified application. Please make this document part of the prosecution history of the present application.

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H01L21/304			
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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 5 sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <table> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. I</td> <td>Basis of the report</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. II</td> <td>Priority</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. III</td> <td>Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. IV</td> <td>Lack of unity of invention</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. V</td> <td>Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. VI</td> <td>Certain documents cited</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. VII</td> <td>Certain defects in the international application</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. VIII</td> <td>Certain observations on the international application</td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. I	Basis of the report	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-2, 5-12 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* 4, 13 received by this Authority on 26.01.2006
 pages* 3, 14 received by this Authority on 09.06.2006

the claims:
 nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* 2 received by this Authority on 26.01.2006
 nos.* 1, 6-7 received by this Authority on 09.06.2006

the drawings:
 sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
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the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. 3-5
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-2, 6-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-2, 6-7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-2, 6-7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2001-26771 A (Fujimi Inc.), 30 January 2001, claims; column 5, lines 29 to 50; column 10, lines 5 to 25; and table 1 & US 6248144 B1

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 2 and 6 to 7 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 cited in the international search report. Document 1 indicates that the mixture has a pH level of 2 to 4. Therein, document 1 does not specifically delimit the pH level of the alkali solution; however, given that the composition obtained by combining the alkali solution and the mixture has a pH level of 9 to 12, it would be possible to employ an alkali solution that has a pH level of 12 to 14, as appropriate. Furthermore, document 1 does not stipulate that the mixture be added to the alkali solution. When combining an alkali solution and a mixture, however, there are only two alternatives as to which substance is added to the other substance, and it was common practice to add an alkali solution to a mixture or to add a mixture to an alkali solution (for example, refer to JP 2003-268354 A (Rodel Nitta Co.), 25 September 2003, claims, etc.) prior to the filing of the

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present application. Such being the case, a person skilled in the art could select either one of these two well-known alternatives, as appropriate.

Meanwhile, the applicant indicates that the "pH shock from mixing two solutions that have a large pH differential is significant." However, two solutions that have a large pH differential are mixed together in the invention disclosed in document 1, and thus the feature in question cannot be said to be significant.